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In Re Application of:	)
Martin, et al.	) Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
Serial No. To Be Assigned	) Examiner: To Be Assigned
Filed: May 15, 2001	) Docket No. 062002-1751
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENERGY ELECTRON ENHANCED ETCHING OR SUBSTRATES IN AND AC OR DC PLASMA ENVIRONMENT	) ) ) )

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment prior to the examination of the above-identified application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231,

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